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**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#); [Kimberly Ward](#); [Martha Silver](#); [Kỳ-Nam Miller](#); [Elizabeth Bugarin](#)  
**Subject:** 1/25 MTC meeting - Agenda Item #13a - OBAG 3 Grant approval  
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Dear Commissioners and P & A Committee Members, RAWG group, Equity & Access Subcommittee,

To: Ms. Rommell, Mr. Arndt, MTC Programming & Allocations Committee, MTC Commissioners, Equity & Access subcommittee, RAWG committee,

**APPROVAL OF THIS GRANT IS NOT SUPPORTIVE OF MTC'S CLAIM TO EQUITY IN THE COMMUNITY ! THIS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS MILLION'S GIVEAWAY TO RICH NEIGHBORHOODS**

I'm writing to object to the inclusion of Topper Lane in the City of Lafayette's OBAG-3 grant application for the School Street Project, and MTC's recommendation to fund this project based on the following:

PLEASE RECONSIDER FUNDING THIS GRANT

**PLEASE DO NOT RUBBER STAMP THIS GRANT APPLICATION** - THEIR IS A CONCERN OF OWNERSHIP OF **RIGHT OF WAY** ON TOPPER LANE !

- The grant application did not include the necessary information required to accurately evaluate Topper Lane, as it relied solely on the benefits on School Street to represent this project during the evaluation and scoring process.
- The City of Lafayette recently secured \$3.1M in additional federal funds for School Street, and now plans to allocate these OBAG-3 funds for Topper Lane, when Topper Lane attributes were not **originally** assessed or scored during the application evaluation process.
- This funding will be used to build a Class 1 pathway on Topper Lane for the benefit of only 6-8 students. There is no reasonable justification for granting \$3.45M for the benefit of such a limited few.
- Topper Lane is not a high priority location for the City of Lafayette, and is not supported by the City's Local Roadway Safety Plan.

**We expect MTC to promote a fair evaluation process based on complete and accurate information, and request MTC provide transparency to the public as to how they prioritized this grant application for funding.**

**PLEASE RECONSIDER FUNDING THIS OBAG 3 GRANT TO LAFAYETTE**

Sincerely,  
Richard Buckley Hughes